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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Steven M. Marsh

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11 and 12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This is the sixth office action for U.S. Application 10/807,506 for a Hanging Adjustable Mount filed on March 23, 2004. Claims 1, 2, and 4-10 are pending.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 22, 2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,006,443 to Siler. Siler discloses an adjustable mounting comprising a generally disc shaped mounting element (85) having a circumferential perimeter and a generally planar back surface. There is a threaded fastener (60) extending substantially normally to the back surface and passing through a hole (88) in the mounting element.

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The threaded fastener is adapted to be rotated to be advanced into the wall and tightened against the mounting element to press the element against a surface of a wall to a selective degree to create a sufficient frictional force acting between the surface of the wall and the back surface of the mounting element to prevent rotation of the mounting element about the fastener or to be selectively loosened to allow rotation of the mounting element on the fastener while the mounting element back surface is held in a position against the wall.

There is a circumferentially extending engagement feature (87) on the mounting element perimeter that comprises a bottom of a groove, engageable at points about its circumference with a hanging support attached to the object to be mounted thereon. The feature located eccentrically with respect to the hole and the threaded fastener so as to be shifted vertically when the mounting element is rotated about the threaded fastener. The mounting element would be freely rotatable about the threaded fastener when positioned thereby against a wall surface with the fastener loosened sufficiently to reduce the frictional force acting between the surface of the wall and the mounting element back surface to thereby shift a point of engagement between the engagement feature and the hanging support along the circumference of the feature and to thereby vertically shift the point of engagement of the feature with the hanging support to a desired vertical position on the wall. The mounting element thereafter able to be frictionally held against the wall's surface in the desired vertical position to be non-rotatable by tightening of the threaded fastener against the mounting element to create the frictional force acting between the mounting element back surface and the wall

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surface sufficient to prevent rotation of the mounting element on the fastener with the object held thereon by the hanging support.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silas. Silas does not directly disclose the groove as having continuous flared sides extending about the perimeter of the mounting element. However, the specific angle of the sides around the groove (flared side would only require that the sides extend at an angle greater than 90 degrees) of Silas are a matter of design preference that would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the present invention. Silas also fails to disclose counterbores at each end of the hole. However, Silas provides a teaching of a counterbore (at 32) for providing a flush joint for a fastener. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the present invention, to have provided a counterbore on each end of the hole for providing flush joints (for the fastener and a nut, as shown in figure 8), as is well known in the art.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 2, 9, and 10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Marsh whose telephone number is (571) 272-6819. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-3600. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

/Steven Marsh/

Steven M. Marsh

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